

Alberta back at No. 1 after southern road sweep

by Philip Preville
Bears 75 Calgary 70
Bears 80 Lethbridge 71

Canada West beware! The Golden Bears basketball team have settled into a groove. They played another weekend of solid ball Friday and Saturday, extending their league winning streak to four games and leaving them 13-1 in their last fourteen games against Canadian competition.

Already halfway through their

schedule at 4-1 in conference play, Alberta is tied for first place and on a roll.

"We're still not playing the best we can play," says coach Don Horwood, making more of an observation than a complaint.

How could anyone possibly complain? The Bears went into Calgary's Red Gym on Friday night to play a vengeful and hungry team of Dinosaurs (now 1-4) in front of 1100 Dino fans, and broke it open

immediately. Horwood called the first 15 minutes of the Calgary game "the best we've played all year" as the Bears built up a quick 13 point lead. That didn't last, however.

Alberta lapsed in the second half. The momentum switched and the Dinos went up by four before the Bears could put it together again. Some tough defense and a few quick inside baskets from Dean Peters and Mike Suderman then put the Bears up for good. The game ended 75-70 as Mike Suderman scored 20 points and Mike Kornak added 16.

The lapse didn't seem to have Horwood too worried though. "Our defense has been very dependable, and we haven't really fallen apart yet this season. The guys have lots of confidence in themselves — they feel there's nothing they can't handle."

Sounds like a team of pros, right? Cool heads and consistent, winning basketball. Championship bound, are they?

So down to Lethbridge they went on Saturday for a game against the Pronghorns, the team that most consider to be the doormat of the division. They picked up the morning paper only to discover that the 'Horns had handed a devastating 95-81 loss to the first-place Saskatchewan Huskies on Friday.

The Golden Bears, who may have expected to be able to crawl through this one, were thrust violently back into reality. They went out ready to play, and went into the halftime locker room with a 50-28 lead.

"I thought we might have an intensity problem in the second half," expressed Horwood, "but as the game wore on and our lead even dwindled slowly I never feared that the game was in jeopardy."

That one ended 80-71 Bears as

Dean Peters had 18, Suderman 16, and Chris Toulant 15.

U of A now has only one road trip left, the Vancouver and Victoria coastal swing. That's not for three weeks though. The Bears now have a two week, three game homestand beginning this weekend with the University of Calgary and Lethbridge on Friday and Saturday, respectively. Then the University of Saskatchewan is in the next weekend for the "grudge

match".

"That'll be one to see," says assistant coach Steve Roth. "The guys want that one really bad." The Huskies handed the Bears their only defeat of the new year in the conference opener for both clubs.

Sounds like Alberta is frothing at the mouth for that one. "Oh, we're still going day by day," deadpans Roth, "one game at a time. The whole thing's in perspective. We know what our goal is."

Hannemann shines in Stanford defeat

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The Panda Gymnastics team finished off their California tour with a successful meet at Stanford. In the team competition, the Pandas finished just over six points behind the Stanford Cardinal's Team 1. And although U of A did not win the team competition, they had some outstanding individual performances.

Michele Hannemann's 9.2 for an excellent vault was good enough to place her 2nd overall in the vault standings. This score also set a new school record for the highest score on the vault event.

There were also several personal bests scored by Pandas: Diane Patterson posted an 8.85 on vault,

Monica Kmech with an 8.80 on floor, Lisa Jefferies' 8.75, and Donna Spaner's 8.70 on vault. Hannemann performed an excellent double sommersault to score a 9.0 on the floor exercise.

The team's main goal was to improve the quality of routines, as well as raise individual national qualifying scores. The minimum standard is 29.50, however only the top 36 athletes who achieve this standard may attend the CIAU's in March.

To date they have six gymnasts qualified, which is the maximum number that can represent each university. The six who have qualified are Hannemann (34.40), Patterson (33.85), Kmech (31.50), Jefferies (30.9), Spaner (30.65), and Michelle Graham (30.30).

The Pandas next meet will take place on Feb. 7 at Calgary.

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Canada West Scoreboard

Hockey

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Calgary	20	17	3	0	147	77	34
Manitoba	20	15	4	1	103	69	31
Alberta	20	12	7	1	128	91	25
Sask.	20	11	8	1	105	81	23
UBC	20	7	12	1	81	101	15
Brandon	20	7	13	0	71	107	14
Regina	20	5	15	0	77	135	10
Lethbridge	20	4	16	0	72	123	8

SCOREBOARD:

Jan. 23: Alberta 5 at Lethbridge 4; Regina 2 at Brandon 3; Manitoba 3 at Saskatchewan 5; Calgary 7 at British Columbia 6.

Jan. 24: Alberta 7 at Lethbridge 3; Regina 6 at Brandon 4 (OT); Manitoba 2 at Saskatchewan 0; Calgary 6 at British Columbia 3.

FUTURE GAMES:

Jan. 27: NAIT vs. Alberta
Jan. 30-31: Brandon at Alberta; British Columbia at Regina; Lethbridge at Manitoba; Saskatchewan at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS
Paul Geddes, C	19	27	28	55
Todd Elik, R	20	18	25	43
Craig Dill, A	19	14	29	43
Ken Vinge, C	18	18	22	40
Ken Morrison, S	20	21	18	39
S. Wakabayashi, A	20	16	21	37
Jamie Fiesel, R	20	11	24	35
Mark Trotsuk, UBC	20	17	17	34
Barry Bracko, C	20	12	22	34
Terry Jones, C	16	11	22	33

VOLLEYBALL

WOMEN

	MW	ML	GW	GL	P
Victoria	7	1	22	4	7
Sask.	6	2	19	9	6
Calgary	5	2	18	7	5
B.C.	4	4	13	14	4
Alberta	0	7	0	21	0
Lethbridge	0	7	0	21	0

SCOREBOARD:

Jan. 23: British Columbia 3 at Alberta 1.
Jan. 24: Victoria 3 at Alberta 0.

FUTURE GAMES:

Jan. 30-31: Canada West Tournament, Victoria.

MEN

	MW	ML	GW	GL	P
Sask.	8	0	24	3	8
Calgary	6	1	18	6	6
B.C.	4	3	13	12	4
Alberta	3	5	13	16	3
Victoria	1	6	7	19	1
Lethbridge	0	7	2	21	0

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BASKETBALL

MEN	W	L	F	A	Pct	GBL
Alberta	4	1	383	354	.800	-
Sask.	4	1	390	364	.800	-
B.C.	3	2	348	345	.600	1
Victoria	2	3	374	355	.400	2
Leth.	1	4	359	397	.200	3
Calgary	1	4	312	351	.200	3

SCOREBOARD:

Jan. 23: Alberta 75 at Calgary 70; Saskatchewan 81 at Lethbridge 95.
Jan. 24: Alberta 80 at Lethbridge 71; Saskatchewan 70 at Calgary 57; British Columbia 76 at Victoria 72.

FUTURE GAMES:

Jan. 30: Calgary at Alberta; Lethbridge at Saskatchewan.
Jan. 31: Calgary at Saskatchewan; Lethbridge at Alberta; Victoria at British Columbia.

WOMEN	W	L	F	A	Pct	GBL
Victoria	5	0	366	260	1.000	-
Lethbridge	4	1	342	288	.800	1
Calgary	3	2	332	280	.600	2
Alberta	2	3	313	289	.400	3
Sask.	1	4	214	339	.200	4
B.C.	0	5	241	352	.000	5

SCOREBOARD:

Jan. 23: Alberta 48 at Calgary 60; Saskatchewan 44 at Lethbridge 76; British Columbia 53 at Victoria 83.
Jan. 24: Alberta 60 at Lethbridge 77; Saskatchewan 35 at Calgary 64.

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